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FRIDAY, MAY 11.

JUPITER PLUVIUS got his irrigating apparatus to work this morning and favored this section with a fine rain.

COXEYISM is only another form of protectionism. Like the big manufacturers, Coxeys wants the government to levy a tax on the people to support his followers.

HAILSTONES a foot long fell at Emporia, Kansas, last week. Jupiter Pluvius probably upset the refrigerator in which he has been keeping the rain that should have come to Southwest Texas.

THE cash balance in the state treasury is almost as small as Col. Breckenridge's conscience. That reduction of taxes seems to have been a case of "pettyness and potted foolishness."

SOME of the editors of Southwest Texas should petition the United States senate for some of the surplus dignity and courtesy with which that body is burdened. It would make the journals of said editors more readable and less apt to be prohibited from transmission by mail.

THE Laredo News still has faith in Mr. Fernandez' gold mine. We hope the News' faith may be justified. With a gold mine in full blast at Laredo and the Brownsville & Corpus Christi railroad building, the entire lower Rio Grande valley will soon be on the highway to prosperity.

COL. FLY of the Aransas Pass Beacon is too old an editor to call a brother editor who differs from him a skunk. If Col. Fly will re-read THE HERALD's reply to the Beacon's remarks of last week, we think he will find nothing in them to suggest that they emanated from a skunk's lair. We had expected more dignity and forbearance from an old and able editor as Col. Fly.

JUDGE REAGAN's candidacy for governor is now generally understood to be a fact. The judge must be afraid that the supreme court decision in the railway commission cases will reduce the commission to a state of innocuous deuetude. In that event, he would find the gubernatorial chair a comfortable place to rest after his recent arduous labor in drawing his salary as railway commissioner.

O'BRIEN MOORE, the omniscient Washington correspondent of the Sr. Louis Republic, says Judge Seth Shepard thinks of resigning his seat on the bench of the District of Columbia court of appeals, and that Hon. D. B. Culberson will probably be a candidate for the place. O'Brien has been out of Texas so long that his ignorance of affairs in the Lone Star state may be excused. He makes a great mistake if he imagines that Texas will suffer "Old Dave" to hide his light under a bush. Texas has need of Culberson's services in connection with the proposed

COCCUS, THE BLIND PLANT

It may seem incredible to some of my readers, but I have from the lips of one of the best opticians west of the Mississippi that 22 per cent of the 50,000 or 60,000 blind person in the United States were rendered so by the growth of a remarkable fungus plant which seems to be perfectly at home in the human eye. The little plant which causes this terrible affliction belongs to the lowest order of the fungi and is a single-celled organism known as a coccus. It propagates simply by division—that is, a single cell, growing to its full size, splits into two or more, usually four, perfect plants, these again subdividing as before.

These plants grow upon the external covering of the eye, and soon destroy the clear medium so necessary to vision. The propagation of the little mischief-maker is very rapid, and its growth in the tissues covering the eyeball causes much irritation, cutting off the supply of nutriment, and resulting in congestion. So far as is known it is spread only by infection, and must be planted directly upon suitable soil before it can grow. This, in brief, is what is known as the bacterial cause of blindness.

COXEY ABDUCTED HIS DAUGHTER.

Masillon, O., May 7.—The prospects of arrest on the charge of abduction awaits Messrs. Coxeys and Browne when Judge Miller of Washington is done with them. This trouble is in consequence of the appearance of the "Angel of Peace" in Coxeys' May Day parade. The "Angel" was Miss Mamie Coxeys, who is still in Washington and who got there without her mother's knowledge or consent. The mother, Mrs. Carolina Coxeys, is the divorced wife of the general and secured her decree on the ground of excessive cruelty, and was legal custodian of the girl Young Jesse Coxeys was sent from Rockville, Md., and succeeded in getting his sister to run away with him. After their departure a note was found in Mamie's room written by Carl Browne in which the inspired gentleman says: "There can be no harm in your visiting Washington accompanied by your brother." Mrs. Coxeys has announced her intention of having Browne and Coxeys arrested the moment they put their foot in Ohio, and she may carry the war into the District of Columbia.

GROWING BURDENSOME.

New York, May 7.—When the Tammany executive committee of sixty meets next Thursday, Richard Croker will take one more step toward withdrawal from active political work. Last summer he resigned from the democratic state central committee, and now he is quoted by the Commercial Advertiser as saying:

"I have made up my mind that I can not stand the strain and hard work connected with the management of the Tammany organization. It has grown so burdensome that at times, it is more than any one can bear. Hereafter, the routine and details must be looked after by committees, for I will not and can not do it."

MRS. LEASE FOR CONGRESS.

Topeka, Kan., May 7.—There was talk here today of putting Mrs. Lease in nomination for Congress man at large, but the Populist leaders do not want to turn down Congressman Harris. They are willing, however, to give her the nomination in the Seventh district should Jerry Simpson not make the race. Mrs. Lease is very much in earnest.

MEXICAN STAMP LAW.

The secretary of the treasury has published the following rulings and explanations as to the proper understanding of certain articles of the stamp law:

Advertisements: Provided the original of an advertisement bears a 50 cent stamp, the advertisement may be split up and published in different parts of the newspaper without being subjected to a new tax.

Foreign advertisements published in Mexico are subject to the stamp tax of 50 cents. Stamped copies of such advertisements must be deposited in the stamp office.

Articles in the body of the paper drawing attention to a particular advertisement are not subject to the tax, provided the advertisement itself is properly stamped. But advertisements published wholly in the form of reading matter are subject to tax.

Notices of company meetings even though published free of charge must pay the stamp tax. So also must the time cards steamers and railways.

Lists of residents published in almanacs or directories and consisting simply of name, address and profession, are not subject to the stamp tax. But isolated advertisements published in directories and similar compilations, or special recommendations added to particular names in the general list of names, are subject to the regular stamp duty of 50 cents each.

When the original of an advertisement is not in manuscript but printed, the stamp must be attached to the printed copy and be canceled by the publishing firm. Said copy must be kept in the printing office to prove the payment of the tax.

THE MONKEY AS A POTTERY MAKER.

According to the North China Herald, which is probably published by some imaginative American, there is a tribe of monkeys in China, inhabiting the country adjacent to the Great Wall, which is well along in the arts, making their own wine and receptacles for holding it. Dr. MacGowan, an English resident of Le Cheun, quotes from an old Chinese writer in evidence of the above: "On a certain day the people prepared a feast for the monkeys, placing the viands near their caves. Upon discovering it they all repaired to their dens and each returned with a queer-shaped earthen jug. The villagers, seeing this, scared the monkeys away and captured their jugs, each of which was of monkey man, manufacture as was also the wine which they contained."

NOT VERY PROBABLE.

Dallas Times-Herald.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, like most uninformed men on Texas affairs and sentiment, predicts ultimate division of Texas into several states. He says Texas will some day have 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 inhabitants and then that division will force itself on the people, because the state is already too large for what he calls the conflicting interests of different sections. If the Rev. Mr. Dixon knows what he is talking about and expresses his serious sentiments, his line of reasoning as to Texas, applied to the country at large, would foreshadow a split-up of the United States and the establishment of several governments in the place of the present order of things. Say we have 400,000,000 of people, where we now have 70,000,000—will conflicting interests and the large territorial extent of the United States cause a disruption? This is the biggest unseparated country in the world, and it would be too bad to have it fall to the results Mr. Dixon predicts for Texas.



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NOAH'S ANIMAL FRIGHT.

The Number of Them a Tough Puzzle for Early Theologians.

As far back as the Seventeenth Century tarsighted theologians had begun to discern difficulties more serious than any that had before confronted them, says Andrew White in the Popular Science Monthly. More and more it was seen that the number of different species was far greater than the world had hitherto imagined. Greater and greater had become the old difficulty in conceiving that of these innumerable species each had been specially created by the Almighty hand, that each had been brought before Adam by the Almighty to be named; and that each in couples or in sevens, had been gathered by Noah into the ark. But the difficulties thus suggested were as nothing compared to those raised by the distribution of animals.

Even in the first days of the church this had aroused serious thought and above all in the great mind of St. Augustine. In this "City of God" he had stated the difficulty as follows: "But there is a question about all these kinds of beasts, which are neither tamed by man nor spring from the earth like frogs, such as wolves and others of that sort * * * as to how they could find their way to the islands after that flood which destroyed every living thing not preserved in the ark. * * * Sum, indeed, might be thought to reach islands by swimming in case these were not very far, but some islands are so remote from continental lands that it does not seem possible that any creature could reach them by swimming. It is not an incredible thing, either, that some animals may have been captured by men and taken with them to those lands which they intended to inhabit, in order that they might have the pleasure of hunting, and it cannot be denied that the transfer may have been accomplished through the agency of angels, commanded or allowed to perform this labor by God."—Exchange.

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